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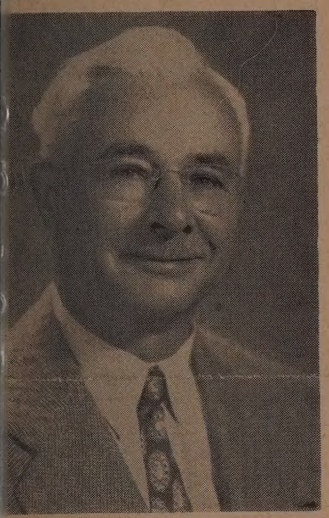


Mr. Ralph H. Anderson, who will rve as Moderator of the forthcoming nual meeting of the Conference. r. Anderson has been active in Conrence Laymen's work and a member the Centennial Executive Committe. He is the Moderator of the Bay ssociation and is an active member d treasurer of the Hayward Church.

Features

Two features of unusual interest ill be presented on the first evening the State Conference. The entire ody of the Chinese Union Christian cademy (Hip Wo School), except ne very youngest pupils, are to apear on the platform, singing songs Chinese. In all probability there ill be not less than 200 or 300 of em.

Through the kindness of Mr. Ralph . Cole and the San Jose YMCA we ill have the privilege of hearing Mr. duard Patvaldnieks, recently from urope. He was of the large number f displaced persons seeking home and ccupation in America. He is a vioinist of unusual talent.

Seminars At The Conference

The chairmen of the various semiars have done a magnificent job in preparations. It will not be easy for delegates to make their choice.

The Social Action Seminar will consider displaced persons on one day and the problem of housing minority groups on the second day.

The Town and Country Seminar will undertake the answers of four important questions, including a study of how urban we are and what program of action is indicated.

The Seminar on Our Christian World Mission will center about the Planned Education for Every Member Canvass.

The Religious Education Seminar will consider the Ligon method, one day, and our own Pilgrim Series on the other day. Whole groups of church leaders will tell of the use of visual aids in their own programs.

DINNERS

Two luncheons and two dinners will be served during the Conference, each of which will have a program of special interest. On Thursday noon the Women's Luncheon will take place on the ground floor of the church. The ladies of the Calvary Armenian Church will prepare and serve it. Mrs. William McCormack, wife of the host pastor, will preside, and Mrs. Douglas Horton will be the speaker. The price per plate is $1.25.

At the same hour the men of the Conference, ministers and laymen, will hear Dr. Douglas Horton at a luncheon at the YWCA. The men's luncheon will be $1.50.

On Thursday evening at 6:30 there will be a Laymen's Dinner at the YWCA. Price per plate is $1.50. Mr. Herbert Hilker, chairman of the Laymen's Fellowship, will preside and the address will be given by Dr. Charles Francis Whiston of the Church Divinity School of Berkeley.

Last, but not least, the Conference Banquet in the Church on Friday evening, price per plate, $1.50.

The retiring Moderator will be the toastmaster and a very interesting feature will be the pageant, by members of First Congregational Church of San Francisco, which was presented on Centennial Sunday in Portsmouth Square. Its title is "When God Came to Portsmouth Square" and was written and directed by Mrs. Anna Blake Mezquida.

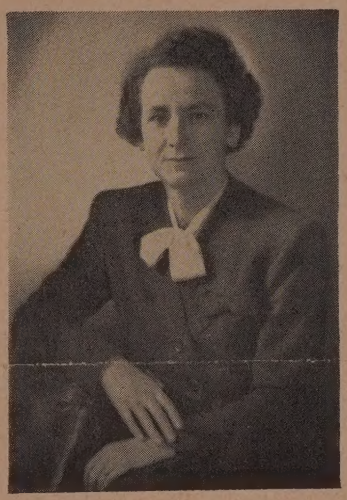
Three brief closing messages will be brought on the theme, "We Face a New Century." Dr. Douglas Horton will speak of it on our National front, Rev. Nelson C. Dreier, superintendent of the Congregational Conference of Southern California and the Southwest, will tell of the challenge in that area, and Superintendent Harley Gill will interpret the great opportunities that are before us in our own territory.

Reservations for meals should be mailed to the First Congregational Church, Post and Mason Streets, San Francisco, in advance, and tickets should be purchased at the reservation desk one day in advance of each meal.

A feature of the decorations at the two meals to be held at the First Church will be a very interesting miniature covered wagon scene prepared by members of the Port Chicago Church.

Flashes From Projects

Flashes from our new projects will enlighten the Thursday afternoon session. Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe will present "Modesto on the March." Rev. Joseph H. Bennett of San Francisco Ocean View will tell of an "Old Church with a New Opportunity." Rev. Homer A. Schwarz of San Lorenzo will trace the progress "From an Orchard to a City." Rev. T. R. Dunlap of Sacramento Oak Park will give the history of the "First Year of a New Church." Rev. Mary McKee Chester of Sierra Arden will answer the question, "Does a Church Need a Building?" and Rev. Gifford M. Webster of Richmond-El Cerrito will make the thrilling announcement, "And Now Mira Vista."



Mrs. Douglas Horton, wife of the Secretary and Minister of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, recently resigned from the presidency of Wellesley College. During the war she served in the Navy as head of the WAVES. She is the vice-president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. She will be the speaker at the Women's Luncheon.

O. C. W. M.

"Planned Education for the Every Member Canvass" is being offered to every church in our fellowship. In northern California Rev. Benton S. Gaskell of San Mateo is chairman of the committee and director of the campaign. Five district meetings or schools for the Every Member Canvass have been scheduled and are being carried on while The Pacific is in press. The chairman of the Every Member Canvass or of the Finance Committee and his chief lieutenant and the pastor of each church are invited to attend. Mr. Gaskell will outline methods and display materials. Dr. Fred Field Goodsell of the American Board will tell the story of the need and of the opportunity.

A demonstration of an Every Member Canvass interview will be given. The materials consist of excellent literature, film strips, sound films, and Every Member Canvass outlines. Thousands of copies of these various items are going out from the Conference office. Orders are welcome. Mr. Gaskell, whose address is 225 Tilton Avenue, San Mateo, is eager to give information and be of help.

BACK NUMBERS WANTED

We need back numbers of The Pacific. The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors has voted to have bound one complete set of the issues of The Pacific so far as they are available. We have, complete, all issues beginning with May 1924 down to date. We have a few earlier ones. If any of our subscribers have any old issues of The Pacific or know where they can be gotten, please drop us a card. The address is, The Pacific, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco 2, Cal.

SERVICES OF WORSHIP

Rev. Donald F. Gaylord of Martinez will be the chaplain for the Conference. He has selected as a theme appropriate to the Centennial observances, "God of Our Fathers," using the first few verses of the Book of Hebrews. On Wednesday afternoon his subject will be "Who Spake in Times Past Unto the Fathers." On Thursday morning, "Hath in These Last Days Spoken Unto Us," and on Friday morning, "Who Maketh His Ministers a Flame of Fire." During the Friday morning session, the celebration of the Lord's Supper will be observed and four ministers who have passed on during the year will be specially remembered.

And Now Mira Vista

At last Mira Vista has the green light! By action of the Board of Directors of the Conference and the Church Extension Division of New York, Rev. Gifford M. Webster has been appointed as minister of this new high potential project in the hills east of the sprawling city of Richmond. Mr. Webster is purchasing a house, where in due time a Sunday School will be started and Sunday services will begin.

Gifford Webster is well qualified for the new church. He comes into our Congregational fellowship from the Baptist denomination, in which he had a pastorate in the suburbs of Cleveland after leaving the Chaplaincy. He has been doing outstanding work for us in the Port Chicago Church. The location of the Mira Vista church is still not determined, but that will soon be settled. The Sponsoring Committee is as follows: Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, chairman; Rev. Williston Wirt, Mr. Morris Cleland, treasurer, Mr. C. S. Morse, Mr. Leslie Thompson, Mrs. Harold T. Avery, Mrs. Dwight Chapman, and staff members Gill, Meyer, and Buckham.

"Gold," the symbol of wealth, the currency of our material economy, was the lure of the pioneer of 1849 to California. His hope was to discover a fortune. A few did! Many lost all they had.

The "Pioneers of the Spirit" whom we honor this year came to California with the cross of Christ as the symbol of their faith, to uphold moral standards, which were the currency of their religion. Their hope was to give themselves in absolute love for their fellows. They discovered a fortune, and bequeathed it to us.

We honor them in this Centennial Campaign by dedicating a part of the "gold" of our earnings to carry on their work for the millions who have followed the pioneers to this glorious State. May Congregationalists build in this second century of California history a church that will pioneer an ideology that will change mankind to ways of peace and love.

—Albert J. Watson.

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Neck and Neck

Neck and neck with 1948! While the figures below indicate a gain for 1949 of about $18,000 over 1948, that is almost exactly the amount that had been given to C.W.V.R. through September in 1948. The total this year is just about $400 less than a year ago. Three months remain until the end of the calendar year. Our Christian World Mission calls us to a gain of 50%. Can we make it?

	App't Jan. 11 to Sept. 30,'48	App't Jan. 11 to Sept. 30,'49
Alameda, First	$ 979.54	$ 839.98
Alturas	142.07	79.94
Angels Camp	100.00	321.33
Antioch	163.83	92.74
Auburn	208.75	182.16
Benicia	52.00	15.50
Berkeley, Arlington	61.94	359.60
First	6749.94	7626.49
North	709..65	1022.70
Northbrae	.....	276.17
South	307.53	694.79
Biola	.....	47.68
Campbell	565.36	413.55
Cedarville	44.75	46.43
Cloverdale	129.75	106.60
Cotati	53.75	64.50
Crockett	72.17	58.92
Dinuba	.66	2.00
Eagleville	.....	7.36
Elk Grove	14.25	33.64
Etna	17.64	55.47
Eureka	496.66	911.88
Fairfax	59.60	175.00
Ferndale	197.41	282.06
Fowler	.....	125.00
Fresno, First	1050.00	2161.45
Japanese	25.00	.....
Pilgrim Arm.	500.00	.....
Zion	41.14	66.08
Glen Ellen	90.00	34.23
Guerneville	25.00	36.95
Hayward	100.00	1611.40
Kenwood	25.63	89.03
Likely	.....	7.13
Lodi, Ebenezer	.....	299.30
First	1952.00	2767.52
Loleta	7.00	33.46
Loomis	200.00	100.00
Martinez	733.86	1149.56
Modesto	.....	64.06
Murphys	100.00	.....
Niles	50.00	113.50
Oakland, Bethany Arm.	.....	71.57
First	3960.00	4387.83
Fruitvale	72.40	67.41
Japanese	80.00	30.00
New Pilgrim	76.00	83.44
Plymouth	1113.25	1943.38
Orinda	461.35	1415.18
Oroville	790.87	174.85
Pacific Grove	175.00	138.26
Palo Alto	1034.00	3068.13
Paradise	500.00	466.50
Parlier	20.00	10.00
Penngrove	34.13	39.55
Pescadero	10.00	.....
Petaluma	410.00	1055.00
Pittsburg	198.82	273.77
Port Chicago	117.19	61.10
Porterville	1400.00	1404.00
Redwood City	1006.54	531.84
Reedley	15.00	15.00
Rio Vista	50.00	80.00
Ripon	210.70	277.39
Sacramento, Pioneer	690.00	2087.00
Sierra Arden	51.48	311.33
Salida	60.10	40.53
San Carlos	500.00	800.00
San Francisco, Bethany	.....	.....
Mission Park	175.75	137.20
Calvary	.....	30.00
First	279.65	1843.42
Ocean View	100.00	100.00
Park Presidio	272.21	474.99
Sanger	.....	66.33
San Jose	977.00	1401.89
San Leandro	82.67	249.41
San Lorenzo	.....	65.75
San Mateo	1000.00	2600.00
San Rafael	10.00	44.70
Santa Cruz	264.00	1054.87
Santa Rosa	78.00	254.30
Saratoga	378.91	273.34
Sebastopol	271.49	346.07
Sonoma	111.38	74.17
Soquel	158.10	92.95
Stockton	804.66	1558.10
Suisun	75.00	107.50
Sunnyvale	57.43	215.65
Sunol	.....	14.96
Tulare	1144.00	1455.00
Weaverville	50.00	100.00
Woodside	11.50	29.00
Reno	684.85	642.27
Miscellaneous	2080.03	1755.35
Totals	$38,130.34	$56,195.44

SACRAMENTO CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL

One hundred years of Christian service to the capital city of California were observed by the First Congregational Church of Sacramento in a week-long celebration from September 11 through the 18th.

Organized as the First Church of Christ on September 16, 1849, by Joseph A. Benton, a Yale graduate who was the first Protestant minister to be ordained in California, the church had the first regular pastor and the first organization in the supply city of the gold fields. Today, under Dr. Torrance Phelps, formerly of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Pasadena, Calif., the minister since 1939, the church has more than 1400 members.

Living former pastors of the church were honored at a homecoming dinner September 13. Dr. Arthur B. Patten, minister from 1910 to 1917, was one of the speakers. Others were Dr. Lawrence Wilson, minister from 1930 to 1939, who also preached on Sunday, September 11, and Dr. Harley H. Gill, minister from 1923 to 1929, now superintendent of the Northern California Conference of Congregational Churches. Dr. Gill preached the anniversary sermon on Sept. 18.

The older members of the church were honored at an anniversary dinner on September 16. Speakers were Dr. Loyal Lincoln Wirt of Claremont, Calif., and Dr. Ronald Bridges, president of the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley. Dr. Wirt, a student at the school from 1887 to 1890, married Joseph Benton's niece and is one of the few living men who remember the pioneer preacher. Dr. Wirt presented the church with a lovely silver chalice which had been in the Benton-Wirt family since 1858 when it had been presented to Dr. Benton by his Sunday School children.

A pageant entitled "Sacramento's Christian Century," depicting the founding and growth of the state, city, and church, climaxed the celebration on Sunday evening, September 18. It was introduced to a large audience by Governor Earl Warren and produced by 90 persons on the lawn of Sutter's Fort, across from the church, the site of the city's founding in 1839, in the presence of 1000 people.

David H. Gill, chairman of the Board of Deacons of the church, was the general chairman in charge of the centennial observance.

At a Civic Night Celebration, Congressman Leroy Johnson and the Honorable J. R. Knowland, head of the California Centennial, were the speakers.

An unprecedented feature of the Anniversary was the ceremony that thrilled the congregation when the 150 new members of the Centennial Class joined the Church.

P. F. PARTY

Honoring Pilgrim Fellowship presidents—state, area and local—250 young people attended the Presidential Banquet at San Mateo September 24.

State P. F. President Jim Price celebrated his birthday the same day, and received from P. F. a gavel pin. Past State Presidents Jeanette Desin, Bruce MacKenzie, Warren Uhte, and Joanna Wilder Hughes were present for the occasion. All the Area presidents, and about 20 local presidents, shared the honors.

The theme of the evening, "Goal Diggers" of '49," was brought home in a challenging address by Rev. Art Casaday, and in the worship service led by Fresno delegates Patty Royston and Al Chaddock. A gala party rounded out the evening.

Highlighting the all day State Cabinet meeting which preceded the banquet were plans for fall Rally Workshops, being held from October 9 to November 6, attracting representatives from all local youth groups. Faith, Action, Fellowship will keynote the practical leadership plans to be shared with local leaders.

Forward Through '49

The receipts from churches and individual gifts for the Centennial Fund of $100,000 are now nearing the half-way mark. The campaign will be continued vigorously for the rest of the year 1949, and on into next year. We must more than double what we have already done in order to go over the top. Several churches have not taken Centennial offerings yet, and in many churches no memberships in the "Century Club" have been obtained. There are also a number of churches which have not made use of the visual aids which are available for the promotion of the campaign.

The Centennial Executive Committee, with Albert J. Watson as chairman, makes the following suggestions for the advancement of the drive in your local church. Please see that these things are done before December 31:

1. List members of your church who have not already made a contribution and make a personal approach to these persons by letter or call.

2. Ask organizations in your church to take a Century Club membership of $100 as a group.

3. Make a date with Rev. Sidney H. Buckham and have him spend a day with one of your laymen, going around to talk with people who might make a special contribution of $100 or less.

4. Have an "Old Time Party" in your church on a week night beginning with a pot-luck supper, with people attending in '49 costumes. Have singing, followed by a brief history of your church, with a Centennial movie or illustrated lecture. The district Centennial chairman of your area (a layman) will be glad to be present.

5. If you have not celebrated Centennial Sunday yet, set a date for this event NOW in the autumn. Get a member of the Centennial Speakers' Bureau or a Conference staff member to preach the sermon. Publicize this event well in advance, and emphasize the fact that this must be a BIG OFFERING (not a 10c collection).

BY-LAWS PROPOSED

A very radically changed set by-laws will be presented to Conference for consideration action. The by-laws now in effect incomplete, in some cases repetitic and to some extent illogical in orc Mr. Peirce Coombes, attorney former moderator, and Supt. Har H. Gill spent much time this sumn in revision. The Executive Commit of the Board of Directors at its S tember meeting devoted two hours careful study and made valuable s gestions. The result will be ag considered by the Board of Direct at their meeting on the morning October 26 and by them presented the Conference as a whole.

One item of change offered decision by the Conference is t change of date of the annual meeti from October to May of each ye Delegates and ministers are invited give careful thought to this matter advance. The main argument for is that it will permit the setup operating committees in time to ta up their duties with the beginning the church year in the fall instead in December or January, as at preser If the date of the Conference changed it will necessitate the switc ing of the Assocaition meetings fro spring to autumn.

GEORGE AUSTIN CHARNOCK

Rev. George Austin Charnoc passed away quietly at the home his daughter, Mrs. Julia Payne, o September 23. The funeral servic was held in the Ocean View Churc in which he was Pastor Emeritus, co ducted by Rev. Joseph H. Bennett.

Mr. Charnock was born Februar 9, 1862, in England; thus he ha reached the ripe age of 87. He serve in apprenticeship as a machinist an worked at that trade for a time befor coming to America in 1884. In 189 he was married to Julia Sarah Johnso in British Columbia. She passed awa in San Francisco in 1940.

Mr. Charnock was engaged i YMCA work in Canada beginning i 1890, and during the first World Wa was engaged in YMCA work at Camp Kearney, San Diego, and was oversea in England, France, and Germany.

He was ordained into the Congre gational ministry at Byron, California in 1903. His pastorates, with the exception of one, in San Diego, were all in the Northern California Conference and included San Juan, Alturas, Woodland, Oakland, and in San Francisco, the Ocean View Church, Sunset, and Richmond Churches.

He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Julia Payne, a son, Dr. Donald A. Charnock of Los Angeles, and four grandchildren.

Mr. Charnock was a regular attendant and participant in the Bay Association and Northern California Conference. He was a man of penetrating mind and possessed a great passion for the work of our Northern California churches, particularly in the city of San Francisco. He possessed a rare sense of humor, and was always willing to make almost any personal sacrifice to advance the causes he loved. The remains were cremated and the ashes will be held for burial in England.

"THE FAMILY CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS"

The home booklet recommended for every Church Home looking toward Christmas. Fifty cents from Pilgrim Press or our Christian Education Office.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

Modesto Festival

ust as the 5 o'clock whistles blew Modesto on Saturday, September a horde of "dusty migrants" erged from the northwest corner the church vineyard in Modesto headed for the parsonage for cold nks. They had finished picking 15 s of Thompson seedless grapes ce 7:30 a. m., and a faint cheer heard as Elmo Wolfe (in shorts a straw hat) led his laborers from field to a well-earned rest. There re 21 men and women who shared this "harvest festival." Most of m were members of the church owship in Modesto, but if you had ked carefully under the dirt and spiration you would have recog- ed Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Raven of ckton, four theologs from P.S.R., d Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Buckham Berkeley. Whatever small profit nes from these grapes, after contri- tions of time and labor by Ray rlson of Salida, C. R. Van Buskirk Lodi, and others, will go into the dget of the year-old Modesto urch.

But that was not the end of Mo- sto's "harvest festival." At eleven clock on Sunday morning about 50 ople (plus numerous children) thered on the lawn beside the par- nage for worship. Rev. Elmo Wolfe eached an inspiring and appropriate mon on "This Is Holy Ground," th Alvin Hilgeman and Lester John- n of Modesto and Orval Clay of Sa- a sharing in the service. Judith Flor- ce Wolfe and Timothy Davis Mc- ne were the first children baptized the Modesto church, and this cere- ony was conducted by Sidney Buck- m. After the service the visitors om other churches joined with the odesto group in a picnic lunch, llowed by talks on the future plans the church, and a visitation to the rsonage, now under construction.

REDWOOD CITY — This church as asked for and received an alloca- on from the Comity Commission of e State Council of Churches for the eginning of work in the southwestern art of Redwood City with the ex- ectation that in the years to come e church will erect a plant and dis- ose of its present building in the owntown section. The proposed lo- ation will serve the present member- ip and also open up a new constitu- ncy in an area where homes are being uilt rapidly.

SANTA CRUZ—Four new mem- ers were received recently. A church icnic was planned for Sunday, Octo- er 9. During the vacation of Rev. d Cunningham the pulpit was sup- lied by Rev. F. S. Franz of Los An- eles, father of Mrs. Cunningham, and y Rev. Abbott Book of the State ouncil of Churches.

VIRGINIA JEAN VERNON

Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Vernon, serving the church at Cotati, have had three happy events recently. First, Mr. Vernon's mother and sister ar- rived from Japan and are to spend the fall and winter in Cotati awaiting the return of Chaplain Samuel Ver- non. Secondly, the Vernons have moved into a brand new house much more convenient and commodious than the first one. But best of all was the arrival on September 20 of a seven pound, seven ounce daughter by the name of Virginia Jean. Mr. Vernon is again enrolled at the Pacific School of Religion, expecting to complete his work this academic year.

RENO, FEDERATED—A series of Saturday work parties have greatly improved the premises of the church, transforming the basement rooms with paint and cleaner. Following the service on September 11, the church enjoyed a picnic. A very complete program of Christian Education, in- cluding large plans for the students of the university, has been set up, under the direction of the associate pastor, Rev. Terence Stoker, and the pastor, Rev. Arthur L. Rice.

SAN CARLOS—The splendid new plant of this church is being dedicated on October 16 at an afternoon service, with Supt. Harley H. Gill as the preacher. Rev. H. Weldon Batty is the minister.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON — Be- lieving that the Sunday School chil- dren must develop the habit of church-going, Rev. J. Hood Snavely is conducting two complete services of worship: one at 9:30 for adults and church school pupils, the other at 11 o'clock. Attendance has been running as high as 200 at the first and 70 at the second. A calendar program for the entire church year has been adopt- ed and will be followed. The canvass for the support of the community center is nearing completion.

STOCKTON — Rev. W. Edgar Gregory of the College of the Pacific and a member of this church was vacation minister. On the fall open- ing Sunday the Church School had the largest attendance of many years. A splendid corps of teachers has been enlisted. A room in the Junior De- partment was remodeled by volunteer labor. The centennial offering is be- ing received on October 9. Rev. Noel J. Breed is pastor.

OAKLAND, BETHANY — This church, which for 15 years has been worshiping in the old Calvary Church property at 36th and Grove, has pur- chased an edifice from the Church of Christ in the Dimond Park district in East Oakland. It will be several months before occupancy can be had. Rev. Kapriel Bedrosian is pastor and has led his people in this very suc- cessful effort.

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK PRE- SIDIO—The church has undertaken the securing of a second minister to assist Rev. Robert W. Moon and to follow up new people in the neigh- borhood. Mr. Will L. Chandler, for- mer YMCA secretary and well known to many Congregationalists, has been chosen for this work. This church has had tremendous growth in the past few years.

NILES—Rev. Donald L. Kirkbride has resigned to accept a call to the Eagle Harbor Congregational Church of Winslow, Washington, to take effect as of November 1st. During Mr. Kirk- bride's pastorate the youth work of the Niles church has been greatly strengthened and a commodious so- cial hall has been erected.

BERKELEY, NORTH—The church extended a somewhat belated but nonetheless cordial reception to Rev. and Mrs. Williston Wirt on the eve- ning of September 30.

SARATOGA — Rev. Fred Field Goodsell of the American Board was scheduled as the preacher on World Communion Sunday. Rev. Gordon L. King is pastor.

PESCADERO—Mr. Ronald Smith has returned from New Mexico and taken up his work in this church. He is maintaining contact with the interested people at LaHonda.

BERKELEY, FIRST — The 1949 seminar program, which has become such an institution in this church, will equal or surpass those of other years. Among the speakers and leaders are Dr. Paul Johnston, chaplain at Stan- ford University; Dr. Robert Fitch, new professor of Christian Ethics at Pacific School of Religion; Dr. Wil- liam E. McCormack of First Church, San Francisco; President Ronald Bridges of the Pacific School of Re- ligion; Professor John W. Bailey of the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School; Professor Hugh Vernon White of Pacific School of Religion; Rev. Vere V. Loper, pastor; and Mr. Kenneth Holt, the new minister of music.

PORTERVILLE—Members of the congregation turned out in large num- bers to surprise the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Willis L. Gold- smith, when they returned from their annual vacation to begin another year of service in this parish. Mrs. Marcus Jones, who was chairman of the pas- toral committee when Dr. Goldsmith was called to the pastorate in 1941, gave a brief talk, welcoming them back, and presented gifts on behalf of those present. During the past month ten new members have been received.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE — Dur- ing the summer this church has carried on a rather extensive improvement program, including exterior painting, rearrangement and decoration of Sun- day School rooms, the substitution of a new worship center for the old pulpit, and recarpeting. Special ded- icatory service will be held on Sunday, October 23, at which Supt. Gill will preach. Rev. Ernest M. Fowler is pastor.

BERKELEY, SOUTH COMMUN- ITY—Rev. Galen Weaver of the De- partment of Church and Race and Rev. Fred Field Goodsell of the Amer- ican Board have been preachers at the morning services on recent Sun- days. The church is the recipient of a memorial gift, a new pulpit, which will be dedicated on October 16, Supt. Gill preaching the sermon. Rev. John Charles Mickle, Jr., is pastor.

PARADISE — The Church School has suddenly taken a turn for the better. The debt on the organ will probably be paid by the end of the year. Fifteen new members were re- ceived by the church on World Com- munion Sunday. The capacity of the sanctuary must be enlarged, or two identical services must be held each Sunday. Rev. Robert M. Kennan is pastor.

ORINDA—A room in the church has been fixed up as an office for the minister, Rev. Fred R. Morrow. A survey by the Student Summer Work- ers showed 46 families connected with but not active in churches, and 33 families showing no church preference or connection.

HAYWARD — Thirty-three new members joined on World Communion Sunday. The congregation filled vestibule and front steps. The new building is progressing rapidly. When completed it will be one of the finest plants in the Conference. Rev. Richard C. Norberg is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW—The church sanctuary is filled every Sunday morning and the church school overcrowds all facilities. Preliminary application has gone to the Building Society with the hope that early construction may begin. Rev. Joseph H. Bennett is pastor.

SAN MATEO — Something new was undertaken beginning September 18 with two identical church services and two Sunday School sessions each Sunday. This will permit all Sunday School teachers to attend church. The 9:30 session will include classes from third grade to high school. At the 11 o'clock hour there will be classes for nursery, kindergarten and primary. This is a real venture of faith by the pastor, Rev. Benton S. Gaskell, and his associate, Rev. M. M. Irwin. The church was host to the Pilgrim Fel- lowship presidential banquet. Members of this church really carried the load in the canning project for Cazadero which was reported in the September issue.

BERKELEY, CHINESE — A mag- nificent step forward has been taken by Dr. Hoh Yam-tong and his loyal congregation. A splendid site has been purchased on which there are two tennis courts and a small building suitable for parsonage, with plenty of room for a church and school build- ing and off-street parking. The church is taking steps to become incorporated. The cost of the property was $13,000 and the church had all but about $1,000 of it.

FAIRFAX—Teachers for the church school have been recruited, with a goodly list of substitutes. A survey was conducted this summer, revealing the religious preferences of the people of the community. Contrary to wide- spread impressions, only about one- fourth of those contacted were Cath- olics. While this paper is going through the process of being printed Mr. James W. Montgomery will be appearing before an ordination council.

OAKLAND, NEW PILGRIM— The Sunday School held a paper drive to secure money for hymnals. Job's Daughters were guests at the church service on September 18. The church school enrollment has now reached a figure of 131. Rev. George W. Lind- say is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST — The pastorate of Rev. William E. McCor- mack has opened most auspiciously. More than 800 were present the first two Sundays, which were vacation Sundays. Evening services have dou- bled in attendance. A friendly visita- tion has been conducted in order to make contact with members and with invitations to World Communion Sunday. Rev. Stanley U. North was guest at the church members' dinner on October 5.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 16—San Joaquin P. F. Rally at Tulare.
October 22—Student Fellowship Ban- quet, Berkeley, North.
October 23—Redwood P. F. Rally at Mill Valley.
October 26-28—Annual Conference, First Cong'l Church, San Francisco.
November 5-6—Modoc Pilgrim Fel- lowship Rally.
November 6—Westbay P. F. Rally at San Jose.
November 11-13—Fall Work Camp at Cazadero.
December 27-30—P. F. Midwinter Conference, Oakland, First.
January 20—Annual Meeting State Council of Churches, Oakland.
February 10-16—Midwinter Meetings, Cleveland, Ohio.
June 20-26—General Council, Cong'l Christian Churches, Cleveland.
June 26-29—Uniting Synod of Cong'l and E & R Churches.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Mrs. E. B. Kientz, President, Correspondent pro tem

FALL RALLIES have been very fine and our guest speakers were very well received. The programs were very similar at all of them with Mrs. Harlan E. Walley, president of the national Fellowship of Congregational Christian Women, and Miss Frances B. Clapp as speakers.

In Redwood City about 65 women gathered from the Santa Clara Association, and Mrs. Chris Thomsen of Santa Cruz presided. A large delegation came from Santa Cruz to honor her as Association President coming from their church group.

At Sebastopol an equal number gathered from the Redwood Empire Association, and in the absence of the Association President, Mrs. John Olmsted of Petaluma, Mrs. Etta M. Nelson, President of the Women's Club of the Sebastopol Church, was the presiding officer.

The women of the North Berkeley Church were hostesses to the Bay Association and were a little disappointed that there were not more of the Bay women there to lunch with them in their new social room. Mrs. Sanford Siegrist, Association President, presided.

Pittsburg women were happy to show their guests from the Upper Bay Association their beautifully decorated church. Mrs. John Fleming, President, presided.

Angels Camp women were hostesses to the Central Association and were happy to welcome a group from our new church in Modesto. Mrs. Ralph Raven of Stockton presided and introduced the speakers.

Mrs. Paul Moore, President of the San Joaquin Association, presided over the rally in her home church at Porterville. Miss Dorothy Winslow, President of the Fellowship of Congregational Women of Southern California and the Southwest, was a special guest.

In spite of intense heat, 60 women came to the rally of the Sacramento Valley Association at Paradise. Excellent reports from 11 out of 12 churches showed the women to be active with a far-reaching view of women's work as well as loyal church members and housekeepers. Larger churches marveled at what the smaller churches were doing.

The reports of the local groups were interesting and inspiring. It is a wonderful experience to attend such fine meetings and hear what our women are doing and enjoy the fellowship together.

Mrs. Walley, in speaking on "The Congregational Woman of 1950," told us that our reports had described the activities and depicted the "Congregational Woman of 1950," but she gave us much to think about as we strive to become the woman she inspired us to want to be. Miss Frances Clapp gave us valuable information about Doshisha University in Kyoto, Japan, challenging our interest in the country which is our subject for study this year. Perhaps the dominant thought of the meeting was **greater achievement through united action in all phases of our church work.**

"After the verb 'To Love,' 'To Help' is the most beautiful verb in the world!"—Baroness Von Suttner.

FRIENDLY SERVICE

A recent letter from Miss Helen Frances Smith, National Friendly Service Secretary, has sent us a few extras which have been requested since the quotas went out to our local churches. If any of the groups would like to do a little more, here is what to send and where:

1. To Mrs. Moses L. Willis, Brixton Hall, Mocho P. O., Jamaica, British West Indies. Send clothing for women and children of all ages; literature on Home and Community Life; Bibles; Hymnals, etc. Check with your local post office for mailing instructions.

2. Mr. Claudius Terner, McIntosh, Georgia—Dormitory supplies. Write to Miss Helen Frances Smith, Missions Council, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York, for more information.

3. To Rev. Elton W. Brown, Davao (Mindanao), Philippine Islands. High school reading books. reference books, Christian biographies, good general magazines. Send in small packages, marking each package **"Used Books."** Ask postmaster for rates.

4. To Miss Nellie Walker, Adams College, Adams Mission Station, Natal, South Africa. Small Scripture pictures suitable for pasting in Bible work books. Pictures cut from church calendars, Sunday School leaflets, Christmas and Easter cards. Books for Library. Send by "Book Post." If there is no writing can go as Printed Matter. Mark **"Gift for School Use."**

5. Christmas boxes to our Migrant Workers to be sent to the Home Missions Council of North America, Mrs. F. E. Shotwell, 3330 West Adams Blvd., Los Angeles.

Our Church Group at Modesto had an opportunity to sell their grapes after all, and invited their neighbors in to harvest them on Saturday, September 24. As a result 15 tons were gathered and sold and there will be no raisins. Your willingness to help them by buying raisins is greatly appreciated, and perhaps you can help them in some other way.

Plans for the Women's Luncheon at the Conference are noted in another column.

CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE

Family Camp No. 1 was deeply concerned with Christian family life, and a committee was appointed, consisting of Mrs. W. W. Meyer, Mrs. Tenny Gray, and Mr. Hunter of Santa Cruz, to draw up a set of resolutions.

These resolutions expressed belief that families of Christian thinking and faith are the hope of the country and the church. They recommended that the Conference Committee on Young Adult and Family Life study this whole subject and make report to the Conference, particularly of successful work along this line done by various churches.

Some suggestions made at the camp were that additional help be given to those working with children of nursery age, and that parent education classes be carried on; that inactive parents of Church School children be brought into active participation; that older women relieve young parents of child care in order to permit them to attend church and study groups; that parents and teen-agers study youth problems together; that family fun nights be held regularly; that a library of books on Christian Family Living be kept circulating in each church; and that every church have a representative at Family Camps.

C. R. O. P.

Churches may secure credit toward Our Christian World Mission for money or goods contributed to C.R.O.P. by following this procedure. When a gift is made to C.R.O.P., C.R.O.P. should be asked to turn it over to Church World Service, giving the name of the church to be credited. Church World Service will then report to the receiving treasurer of our own Relief and Reconstruction fund, and ultimately will be reported back to the Conference office and will be included in the totals set forth in the Year Book. They cannot be included with the figures in the regular reports in The Pacific. This is a little complicated, but careful attention will obviate difficulties.

BIBLE SOCIETY CELEBRATES

The California centennial celebration of the American Bible Society in this state will be observed on October 30 in San Francisco's Portsmouth Square. Rev. Ralph W. Bayless, executive director for the Pacific coast area, announces that starting at 2:30 there will be a band concert, a choir of a hundred voices, greetings from various organizations, and an address by Bishop Donald H. Tippett of the Methodist Church.

HONORED

Rev. Lucius F. Reed, who is now living at Palo Alto, recently retired from our church at Auburn, has been elected Minister Emeritus of the First Congregational Church of Boulder, Colorado, which church he served twenty-five years before coming to Auburn.

REV. GEORGE AKI WRITES

A postal from Rev. George Aki tells of his work in Chicago in the organizing and strengthening of a Nisei church only one and one-half years old which already has fifty members.

WOODSIDE — Beginning as of June first, Woodside has secured Rev. Melvyn E. Pratt for full-time service. He has served the church as pulpit supply for the past year or two. The community is growing and the church increasing in strength.

PETALUMA—The church is considering bids for pews for the sanctuary. Rev. Herbert C. Gans is pastor.

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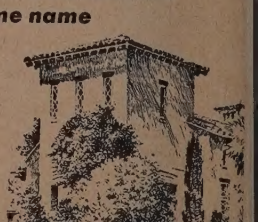

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